NOTICES OF NEW PUBLICATIONS.

he Romance and Reality of the Post Office.

EN YEARS AMONG THE MAIL BAGS; Or, Notes from
the Diary of a Special Agent of the Post Office
Department, by J. Holbrook. Cowperthwait &
Co., Philadelphia; J. C. Derby, New York. The pamphlet of Mr. Pliny Miles, which we

noticed a week or two ago, gave as a full insight into the general administration of our Post Office sysbut there is a portion of i s working, of which the writer could know but little, and which forms not the least interesting and instructive chapter in its tory. We allude to that apparent looseness of suon and general negligence on the part of some of the agents of the Department which lead to the fre quent abstraction of money from letters, and somelacuse has just been filled up by a gentleman thoroughly initiated in all the mysteries of these transactions, and in every way competent to throw light upon them—Mr. Holbrook, for many years special agent of the Post Office Department. He has given us a very entertaining and valuable book. His object, as may be supposed from his position, is not in any way scredit on the department. He was induced, he states, to undertake the task " by the hope and belief that while it afforded interesting matter for the general reader, it might prove a public benefit, creasing the safety of the United States mails, and fortifying those officially connected with the Post Office and mail service against the peculiar temptations incident to their position, thus preserv-ing to society some, at least, who, without such warnings as the following sketches contain, might make shipwreck of their principles, and meet with

Without acquiescing altogether in the probability of the hopes thus expressed, we are bound to concede to Mr. Holbrook's narrative of his Post Office experiences the merit of being an exceedingly interesting and suggestive book. Taken in con-junction with the pamphlet of Mr. Miles, this pubation is calculated to be of the greatest use at the present moment. Mr. Holbrook tells his story plainly, in good taste, and without any affectation of literary pretension. The volume is embellished ome very well drawn and neatly executed steel and wood engravings. Among others are por-traits on steel of all the Post Master Generals from sgood to Campbell. The following extracts will

give an idea of the general character of the book:
Some jears ago the Post Office of a prominent city in
Western New York became involved in a series of mail
depredations, and at length it was apparent that some
one of the three clerks who had slept in the office must
be guilty of committing them; but the fastening of the
charge upon the delinquent was a thing yet to be accomplished. By various processes, the range of suspiction
was narrowed down till it rested upon one of the clerks,
and it only remained to get the legal proof of his guilt.
Packages were missed that were known to have reached the office by the midnight mails. The clerks took
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It had also been ascertained that the packages were shortested from a particular mail pouch which arrived with many others about midnight, and remained unascerted till morning. On a certain occasion, when the unspected clerk was upon duty, an exact description of wery hing in that pouch was taken, upon the cars from the West, with the view of comparing the list of its conceats with the post bills which should be found on the lies of the office the following morning, similar bills awing herstofore disappeared with the paskages.

As I had before this had good reason to know that major rates and jurors in that section of the country very scoperly required pretty conclusive evidence for convision in such cases. I determined, in addition to other exsedients, to take the post of private watchman incide the office, for one night at least, that I might obtain, by occar demonstration, sufficient proof against the gailty one or satisfy the most incredulous court and jury.

One of the unsuspected clerks was sent away that sight, and the other, in whom I had the utmost confience, was apprised of my intentions. By him I was let not be office through by a private door, before the object of our machinens had entered; and I was not long in the creak of the door) a fair view of the a oresident as he "wrapt the drapper of his couch about also," I could not avoid making a momentary comparing behind as he was not be posted by the own to the own the posted of the couch as he "wrapt the drapper of his couch about also," I could not avoid making a momentary comparing the live-long sight; and as he "wrapt the drapper of his couch about the west some hours upon which I was entering well—

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Thus runs the world away.

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araker or two, alone sustained me through the tedious night watches.

The prover's says that "a great deal can be seen through a small hole." My sphere of vision, however, was rather limited, embracing only a portion of the acjoining room, faintly lighted by a hanging isinp—the cot with its elseping burden, a table, and the dimly seen lars of letter boxes forming a bacaground. Entirely in keeping with this seeme of "sail lite." was the monotonous burs of sandry flies of rowdyish disposition, who, not content with tackling the neese of peaceable citizens, and otherwise barrassing them during the day, must needs "keep it up" through the hours devoted to repose by insects of more steady habits. However, they might have been engaged in the praiseworthy occupation of soothing one another to rest by their "drowsy hum." for 1 myself began to feel its soportic influence, and to bless "the man who first invented sleep," but anathematize (inwardly) him who was preventing it.

I was roused from this sleepy condition by a slight irritation in the Schneiderain membrane; in other words, I began to feel a desire to sneeze. Now, encezing it an operation which admits of no compromise. You must either "go the whole heg," or entirely refrain. Aoy attempt to reduce the force of the explosion is as unavailing as was the Irichman's effort to "fire aizy" when he was touching off the cannon. So the annoying inclination must be nipped in the bad, if I wished to preserve my secresy inviolate.

Accordingly I called to mind (as far as I was able) and practiced all the expedients of which I had ever heard, besides others entirely original, for allaying this tilllation. I rubbed the bridge of my nose, I would have slapped myself on the forehead, had I not feared the remedy would prove worse than the disease in respect of noise. I instituted experiments in "counter fritation." by pulling my hair, pinching my ear, and thus diverting attents a from the rebellious organ; and finally I succeeded in subduing this sefractory member. The uneadness

of these phenomens. They might be owing, first, to heat; second, to a disordered stomach; or third, to an uneasy conscience.

As to the first of these suppeced causes, it seemed improbable that his recent visit to the door in a very airy cestume, should have had any tendency to increase the animal heat; and as regarded the second theory, my knowledge of his dietetic habits was too limited to furnish me with data for anything like an argument. If his short delay at the door after receiving the mail begs was produced by any cause for which conscience might properly goad him, the last hypothesis might be correct; but on the whole I was obliged to follow the example of many profounder theorist, and confess that I didn't know much about the matter.

A combination of the stomach and conscience suppositions might be an adequate solution of the question, for the slender salary of a Post Office clerk hardly satisfied for more than three meals a day, and the inference from these premises would be rather easy that a fourth must have been as the public expense.

Here my reflections came to an untimely end, for the insect orchestra of whose performances i have spoken, was reinforced by the addition of a piccolo, in the shape of one of those minute apecimens of creation commonly called mosquito, whose note, "most musical, most melanchety," benefit with buil-headed obstinace, bouncing angless your face in a biundering way, with apparently no particular object excepting that of making himself generally disagreesible, while the former, lighting home of the bire-botted properticular object excepting that of making himself generally disagreesible, while the former, lighting home his innect, and like some never-failing humorist is always in the vision.

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The tone of this insect Æolian rose and fell for a little The tone of this insect Æolian rose and fell for a little sence in immediate proximity to my car, and apparently making a tour of observation around my head, where upon I commenced a blind sort of defence by flourishing my hands as notselessly as possible round the region invaded, to as title purpose, however, as the attack of regular troops upon a body of in lians, for in a moment the music cansed, and I feit the sharp prick which in formed me that I was hit, and I instinctively inflicted an

emergetic slap upon the spot, by which my enemy was extinguished, and one bill at least effectually cancelled. This re ult was not attained without a report, which so viciently broke the silence, that I stood for a moment in breathless suspense, fearing that the sound would peactrate into the realms of slorpheus, and that thus I might pay too dearly for my triumph. But the sleeper 'mate no sign,' and I was again left to my solitary musicgs.

A small pistol which I had observed my sleeping triend place under his head on going to bed, did not tend to to crease the comforts of my position, for since he had become so restless, the thought passed through my mind that he might have heard some suspelous noise in any direction, and was 'eigning sleep, while on the watch for its repetition. If this were the case, the discovery of a supernumerary on the premises might lead to a hasty assault on the supposed midnight provier, and also a more angular transfer of the contents of the platfol to me than would be afther agreeable or wholesome, before I could effer any rearonable explanation for my presence behind the door at such an unreasonable hour.

After a while however, a reas wal of the snoring, which was occasionally echoed by the occupant of the adjusting room, assured me of the absence of beiligerent intentions; and the burning of the files before mentioned, with the ticking of a clock in the office, were the only additional sounds that broke upon the sisence.

About two o'clock a slight accident occurred to me, which, however, did no harm. In reaching for a pitcher of water that stood on the table rear by I knocked off a book, which must have been poised on the corner of the table. I immediately imitated, by scratching, the grawing of a rate in the wall, so that, if the falling of the book had aromed the sleeper, he would have attributed both the neises to the imaginary animal.

But few scunds outside the building were heard, save the occasi mal drunken shout of some votary of Bacchus, reeling home to disgrace his fa

before he and retorned. The truth is, he was not more than helf awake, and had forgotten me entirely. He had admitted a celored man to get the boots which required his polishing touch, and then returned to bed again.

This gentleman of celor, who by the way proved to be a trusty porter employed in several of the offices in the betinding, proceeded first to the side of the cot to get the boots there, and then made for the bedroom, into which I had retreased. In feeling about the floor to find the remaining "leathern conveniences," he esized one of mine. "I've got my foot in it now," thought I; but by a gratic and dexterous movement I succeeded in withdrawing the exposed covering from his partial grasp, to prevent his discovering the existence of a 1 g within. Whether it was fright at the touch of the tenanted boot, or something else, that made him leave the premises so suddenly, I have never been fully satisfied. I went out myself soon after, leaving both clerks fast asleep.

What occurred on that night beyond that which I have already described, or how the investigation terminated, I am confident the reader will not fusit upon knowing, when I assure him that there are special reasons, affecting public as well as private interests, why I should make no further disclosures.

Though this was not the last night which I have spent in post offices for similar purposes, yet I have never repeated the experiment under circumstances requiring quite so severe restraints, and such abridgment of personal liberty.

Our cellection of "outside" delinquencies would be incomplete, were we to omit the following case, which was investigated by the author sot long ago, and in which not a little ingenuity, of the bases sort, was displayed. It will serve as a specimen of a numerous class of cases, characterized by attempts to defraud some correspondent, and to farten the blame of the fraud upon some one connected with the Post Office. We could give many instances of a similar kind, did our limits permit. A person of you data himself

the Fosts aster General. He did so, and it was not long before the agent had commenced the investigation of the supposed robbery.

In addition to the postscript appended, the letter bore other indications of having been tampered with, which at first sight would seem almost conclusive on this point. Upon the anvelope were two wafers, differing in color, one partly overlapping the other, as if they had been put on by different persons at different times.

Notwithstanding these appearances, there were circumstances strengly conflicting with the supposition that the letter had been to bed. The postscript was an unnatural affair, for no one guilty of opening a letter for the purpose of appropriating its contents, would stop to write an explanatory postscript, especially as such a course would increase the chances of his own detection. And in the present instance there had been no delay of the letter to allow of such an addition.

By a visit to the office where the letter was mailed, the agent ascertained that it must have left immediately atter having been deposited, and the advanced age and excellent character of the Postmaster, who made up the mail on that occasion, entirely cut off suspicion in that quarter.

An interview was then held with the clergyman who wire each the mailing of the letter, and from him were obtained the facts already stated. Concerning the wairing of the decument, and its deposit in the letter boy in a perfect state, after the money had been enclosed, he was ready and willing to make oath, and bad he been called upon, he would have done so in all sincerity and heresty.

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In reply to an inquiry whether he used more than one sort of fester paper, he informed me he had had but one hind in his study for several months, and, at my request immediately brought in several sheets of it. A comparison of this with the absect upon which the rided epistle had been written, showed that the latter was a totally different article from the urst; the shape and design of the stamp, the size of the sheet, and the shade of the paper, were all unlike. Moreover, the wafers used at the benk where the headred dellar note was obtained, and the letter containing it scaled, we every disabiliar to thiser of those which appeared upon the "post-boy" letter.

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chiler of those which appeared upon the "post-boy" latter.

From the consideration of all three facts, I was satisfied that a gross and contemptible fraud had been perpetrated by the writer of the letter, and lost no time in proceeding to the village where that personage lived. I called upon the Postmaster and made some mutiries relied to the character and pecuniary circumstances of the cross in question. From the replies made it applicated, as I have already stated, that his reputation in the community was good.

I thought it might be possible that in so small a place I could ascertain whether he had lately passed a hundred of an one, as he would have been fikely to have done if it was true that he had not enclosed it in the New Haven letter.

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Calling at the store which received most of his custom, introduced myself to the proprietor, made a confidant of him to some extent, and learned that the very next day after that on which the aforesaid letter was mailed, its a their offered him, in payment for a barrel of flour, a hundred dollar note on the bank from which a bill of the like denomination had been obtained, as before mentioned, in exchange for the "small trash." The merchant could not then change it, but sent the flour, and chinged a bill which he supposed to be the same, a few developed a bill which he supposed to be the same, a few developed to make one member of that body second his intentions to cheat another. "Insaliate archer! could not one suffice!"

"Mr. T—," said I, after some preliminary conversation, "it's of no use to mince matters. The fact is, you offered it the day after you presented to mail it, at Mr. C.'s store. You see I've found out all about it, so I hope you will not deny the truth in the matter."

I then gave him his choice, to send the hundred dollars premptly to his New Haven correspondent, or allow me to prove, in a public manner, the facts in my possession.

Reing thus hard pressed, and finding himself cornered, he confessed that he had prepared the letter which water and all—before he left home, and that while crossing the street from the bank to the Post office, he substituted this for the one he wrote in the elegyman's study! He promised to send the money, and presended to have suffered severely in his feelings, on account of this dishouses acc.

There is no United States law providing for the punishment of such an offence, but public opinion and private conscience make nicer distinctions than the law can do, and often mete out a well deserved penalty to those who clude the less subtle ministers of justice.

In the present instance, the force ing story was made public by direction of the Postmaster General, and the author of the trick, unable to sustain the lodernation and contempt of the community in which he lived, was com-

pelled to make a hasty retreat from that part of the country.

DEFEATED BY A PARSON.

It sometimes happen that the ends of justice are best recursed by allowing crievinals to no on for a time unmolested in their course, and even by allowing them facilities for the commission of effences which will be to them as suares and pifcills. When means site these are adopted for the detection of orime a ten porary check to the operations of the suspected persons, from wintover cause arising, creates some additional trouble and anxiety to these who are endesvoing to ferret out the evil deer, and prevokes a degree of exasperation toward his unconacious abetter.

Such an untimoly interference with plans carefully isid and carried out at a considerable expense of time and effort, once occurred while the author was attempting to bring to light an unsorquulous depredator, in whose detection the public was much interested, as many had suffered by the loss of money sent through his office.

I had been hard at work for a week in pursuing this investigation having for the third time passed decay lotters over the road on which the suspected office was situated, (the road being one of the roughest kind, about brity miles in length and very muddy,) and was fastering myself that that day's work would enable me to aring my labors to a conclusion satisfactory to the public and myself, if not to the delinquent, when my hopes were, for the time, dashed to the ground by the innocent hand of the village parson.

And it happened in this whee:—

The mall carrier was instructed to throw off his mail, as usual, at the suspected office, and to remain outside, in crear to afford the Postmaster a good opportunity for the repetition of the offerce which he was supposed to have committed, the agreet being all the time a mile or two in advance, in another vehicle, impationtly waiting to learn the result of his manceuve.

As the part of the road where I was stationed, was in the micrair on woods, and the carrier had no passengers, no carticular cautio

becamed out, "I guess you'll have to try It again; the feminic was there at d helped to overhaul the mail to-day."

The sporteman who, having just got a fair sight at the bird which he has been watching for hours beholds it, startled by some bunderer, flying off to "parts unknown?" the angler, who, by unwearied pains taking, hes almost invegled a "monarch of the pccl" into swallowing his beck—sees a stone hurled by once careless hand, descending with a splash, and putting an end to his fishy firstation—thee can imagine my feelings when the mail carrier made the above annous cement.

'Confeand the Foundiel" involuntarity exclaimed I, "why couldn't he mind his own business?" I examined the mail bag, but nothing was missing except the matter that properly belonged to that office. But at the next trial, the parishioner did not have ministerial sid in opening his mail, and accordingly, probably by way of indemnitying himself for his forced abstinence, he not only seized the decoy package, but everal others.

Marshal.

A man of such weak virtue should hire a "Pominie" by the year to stand by and help him to resist the devil, during the process of opening the mails.

Apart from the incidents with which the book abounds, it contains some valuable matter for re-

OUR RIO JANEIRO CORRESPONDENCE. OUR RIO JANEIRO CORRESPONDENCE.

RIO DE JANEIRO, Oct. 17, 1855.

Sailors From the Cleopatra—How Some Were Samet—
Another Steumer on the Amazon River—The U. S. Steamer
Water Witch—Her Services on the La Plata—Progress
of the Cholera—Aid to the Sufferera—Market Report.

The bark E. A. Kawlings, which arrived in this port on
the 1st, sails under the command of Capt. Beaman, for
Richmond. This bark was moored in the first anchorage
on the riche of the first of this month and the 1st anchorage

Richmond. This bark was moored in the first anchorage on the night of the first of this mouth, and at 11 o'clock the officer of the deer reported that two strange boats were coming tewards her, full of men firing pistois. On arriving within halling distance they reported that they were wrecked mariners, who had hailed two other sail in the mouth of the harbor that night, but they being suspicious that thay were dangerous persons, refused tham help; but Captain Beaman run the risk to invite them from the Cleopatra. These suffering sallors were re-freshed with the best on board, and the stewardess goes home with Capt. Beaman, who has kindly offered her a

After he had inhibed writing it he said to the clergy man, "Now, as the mails are not always safe, I stain to be able to prove that I have acqually sent the money; shall therefore consider it a great have I fow will a securatory of the lank, where I wish to obtain a hunter of doilar note for some small trash that I have, and bear witces that I enclose the money and deposited the latter witces that I enclose the money and deposited the The reverent genetican readily accorded to his request and wend with him to the bank, where a bill of the required denomin ation was obtained and pisced in the letter, which was then scaled with a wafer, the clergy man all the while looking on.

They then went to the Post office, (which was directly opposite the early,) and after calling the attention of his companion to the letter and its address, the writer there of dropped it into the letter box, and the two persons went their everal ways.

The letter arrived at New Haven, by due course of mail, send it so happened that the clergyman to whom it was addressed was at the Post office waiting for the assorting of the mails. He saw a let or thrown into his box, and called for it as soon as the delivery window was officed by the letter, but the companion of the Holized States steamer Water Office, with which request he would cheerfully have compiled, but for one slight circumstance, namely, the absence of the bank note!

This taxt was apparently accounted for by a postacipt, written in a heavy, rade hand, entirely different from that of the body of the letter, and reading as follows:—

"Post Row," S.—I have taken the liberty to borrow this money, but I rend the letter, so that you need to have been commuted. The latter gentleman was advised by the Postmaster to prove the Post master, and da his copinion, as well as that of the letter for the letter with the company and the company of the proper strength content was apparently accounted for the letter of the letter of the proper strength content was apparently accounted for the letter

most severely attacked, are the African slaves and the poor.

Neither the English atenmer nor the United States feigate Savannah, which went out to search for the boat of the Cleopatra, have yet returned. They are probably surveying near the dangerous spot where the Cleopatra struck.

There has been more done in the coffee market from the lat to the 13th, inclusive, than was antiopated. There were despatched from the Consolado to all parts, in that time, 104.818 heg; 66.600 hegs of which were for the United States. New Oriena, 31,450 hegs, Phitad-lphia, 11,787; New Yors, 10,954; Baltimore, 5,450; Charleston, 3,500; Savannah, 2,556; 66.000 hegs cant per archa 48:00 a 52:20. In market about 80,000 hegs. There have been large articulated from since the lat, and prices have come down. Over 50 000 barrels are in first hands, and the last quoted prices are as follows, regular:—

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F. H. S.

News from the West Indies. ARRIVAL OF THE BRITISH NAVAL BRINFORCE-MENTS-NUMBER AND ARMAMENT OF THE SHIPS-WEAT DUTY THEY ARE TO PERFORM.

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H. M. steamer Rossmond, Commander Crofton, from England, arrived at Ireland island on Sunday last. Six days previous to her arrival here, the passage the serew line of bathe high Corrwallia and Fembroke, under sail non-England, arrived at Ireland island on Sunday last.

H. M. serew steam it gast Termsgunt, Captain the Hon-Krith Stewart, and H. M. steam sloop Buzzard, Commander Dobbie, arrived at Ireland island on Tuesday last from the West Indias, bringing Com. Corbett and the crew of the late sloop Wiverens.

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THE BOOKSELLERS' WAR WITH THE PRESS.

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FURLARIERS AND THE NUMBERTH PRINCES.

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them for sale, there will be found publishers who will be ready to buy. If newspapers would not be belied, publishers certainly could not being tem. There is no casis for any outery in the matter from the newspapers, or they have the affar under their own control. It is easy for them to close their ears and their pockets against any attempts upon their virtue. We can assure them that publishers are not less anxious than themselves to hone; and intelligent criticism.

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A letter sec-ived in Boston by the America, gives the following account of a hurrienne which passed over Messian, doing great damage to the villages and featters, and destroying many lives—

on the morning of the 12th tinst, we had a dreadful hurricane, with lightning and thunder, accompanied with loavier rains than ever experienced in this country, and more awful than in the year 1823. Whale villages have been entirely destroyed and swept into the sea, with loss of many lives—the number not yet known; indeed the come about Messian for twenty nulles or more is dreadful and is mentable, and no doubt you will have the particulars in the papers of these distressing events.

Tou are most likely aware that our principal lemon gordens are near the funnans (rivers), in consequence the food from the hills and mountains over shelmed here, and for miles where these beautiful and rich gardens are near the number of the section of the conservation of the particular in the particular and the mountains over shelmed here, and for miles where these beautiful and rich gardens, are accorded not a vestige is to be seen.

The greatest part of our corn mills, situated close by the internans, for the use of the water, have been destroyed and way and it is much to be feared that we shall be in the greatest want of flour. If an American parted should arrive, it would tell at an advantageous price. Owing to the disaster to our fruit gardens, it is impossible now to say to what price isomo estence will ent up, and I think if your American friends should have any stock of heat year's produce, they would do well to hold it, and not sell for the present.

The Vincennes Gascie announces the death of Major

Nearly two per cent has accumulated against them since the combination was formed, in this item alone. The bears have all the benefit of this. Reading holds on pretty well. Nothing decisive has

transpired relative to the January dividend, but it will not vary much, if any, from the rate previously stated. The business of the new facul year has commenced auspicious'y. The con tonness the first week was double that in the same time last year. This looks well for the future. One of these days, this stock will be appreciated. Then one hundred and fifty per cent will be considered Then one numerica and my per cent will be considered, cheap for it. Nicarages Transit Suctuates between sixteen and seventeen per cect. Nothing can put this stock where it ought to be but a complete change in the board of management. It matters not what the company's earnings are, the stockholders never will see a cent, aplong as the present a iministration remains in power.
One would think that by this time their capacious mass was pretty nearly filled, but it appears not. A sorrescompany could pay in dividends the first year a sam nearly equal to the full market price of the stock. The general character of the management has fulled stock holiers into a feeling of security; but their confidence has been misplaced, and they must look sharp after their servants, or the entire substance of the concern will be absorbed, leaving not even a wreak behind.

At the first board to day Cautin Co. declined is per cert; Erle is. California 7's advanced is per cent; Hudson Bailtonia.

Rock Island, M. Michigan Southern, Michigan Centra

of bonds and stocks were made at auction by A. H. Nico

were very imited.

After the adjournment of the board, the follo-40 do. 40 Masterton. Smith & Sinclair Stone Dressing Co. 25 T Bowery Fire Insurance Co. 40 North River Fire Insurance Co. 50 Mg a 60 do. 40 do

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The annexed statement exhibits a comparison of the

I edling departments of the banks of this city from the A t up to the last weekly returns:--

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FINANCIAL AND COMMERCIAL.

BOSEY HARREST.

Moynax, Dec. 10—6 P. M.

The steak market is in a very unsettled state. Some of the Smales show as improvement in the stock in the early past of flowers in part of the strength of parties organy. He proves a resident of that State since 1800, served in the wind of the strength of parties organy. He provides the continuity of the strength of parties organy. He provides the continuity of the strength of parties organy. He provides the continuity of the strength of parties organy. He provides the continuity of the strength of parties organy. He provides the continuity of the strength of parties organy. The provide

pated. Of the two millions received from Callin from California near at hand, amounting probably to two millions of dollars, but the chances are that very little will go into the banks. Rates for sterling exchange suic nearly at specie shipping points, and it is the im-

will take out specie to a moderate amount.

The earnings of the Ga'era and Chicago Railroad Orpany, for November, 1854 and 1855, is thus given by

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ed in November, 1855, \$120,322 86, sgainst \$164,88 the same menth last year, showing a decrease of \$14 026 14. The gross carnings in the past five mention

The Cumberland Miners' Journal of the 7th inst. says:—
From the Freathury region, over the Cumberland and
Pennylyania relived, for the week ending Saturday,
November 24, 3,537 tens sere to asported. I,428 of this
amount were shipped to canal, and to railroad 2,106
form.

Over the Cumberland Coal and Iron Company's railroad
for the same period, 6,617 18 tons were shipped. 2,633 19
tons left, this place by railroad and 2,138 14 tons via
canal. The fotal amount shipped by this company for the
year since the first of January last, is 186 938 06.
From the George's Creek Coal and Iron Company's
miner, 8,255 16 tons were shipped over their railroad to
market for the same period. The total amount shipped
by this company for the year since the first of January
last, is 211,352 00 tons. I, 701 13 tons were despatched
from the Hampesire Coal and Iron Company's mines.
The total amount for the year is 59,883 15 tons.

There were forty-six boats descended the Checapeaha
and Chio Canal during the same period, carrying 6,688
tons of coal and 172 13 tons of coke.

Rice & Exchamper.

amount first stated true or takes If true has anybody scolen it? If stolen, by whom and when?

The stockh kers' interests are involved in this matter to the amount of three hundred and forty two thousand dollars, and since this of itself is an item of some consequence. I will not before your minds by uningling with it are impuly at this time upon other points of the sean-dalous management of the stockholders' interests. H.

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CETY TRADE RESPORT.

MONDAY, Des. 10—6 P. M.

ARIES.—The sales were confined to some 20 bbls., pote and peerla, without closure in prices.

Binaterities.—Flore—the market was heavy. The expert demant was limited, and the home demand mederate. The sales ento aced about 10,000 a 12,000 bbls., included in which were common grades of fitate, at 50 50 %, and extra finate said at 18 62% at 58 ft a 12 according to the grade or quality of the same. Western, mixed to choice, and low to good grades of extra, sold at 85 50 %, to 20 25 a 19 50. Camadian was doil and lower. The sales included about 1500 a 600 bbls., at 58 77 a 15 for common to extra grades. Southern was dail and sales confined to 600 100 bbls., including common bracts, at 80 75 a 90 50 %, and favor to extre at 19 74 a 10 75, with extra Pricesburg City Mills (Rishits) and foregetion at 311. Extra demands was assisted at 39 71% at 10 75, with extra Pricesburg City Mills (Rishits) and foregetion at 311. Extra demands was assisted at 39 71% a 21. The market for common grades closed dail, with the holders held out for 18 02%, A cale was reported, ecotyrathe in Jennary, at 97. Included in the transactions very as 60 a 18 64%, while holders held out for 18 02%, A cale was reported, ecotyrathe in Jennary, at 97. Included in the transactions very as 600 a 90 for response of the small transactions reported were 2,000 a 3,000 benches of Upper Lake red, at 22, 6 000 do. Teannessee do. interior pel at 51 95, and a small lot of prime white Southern was reported at 2,000 benches of Upper Lake red, at 22, 6 000 do. Teannessee do. interior pel at 51 95, and a small lot of prime white Southern was reported at 51 22, a like white standard was duil at \$2 20, red Milwachiwas held at \$2 00. Cern.—The sales embraced about 50 and 50 an